

Qualifications of a Deacon (Part 2)

1 Tim 3:11-13

Exodus 17:12-13 ...*Aaron and Hur stayed up his hands, the one on the one side, and the other on the other side; and his hands were steady until the going down of the sun....*

Deacons lift up pastor's hands.

1 Samuel 10:26 ...*here went with him a band of men, whose hearts God had touched.*

Acts 6-- Administration of the temporal needs of the people

Special qualifications.

Acts 6:3 ... *full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, ...*

Part of the qualifications of the deacon has to do with his wife.

Very definite expectation of wives!

1 Timothy 3:11

Grave. venerable, honorable, honest, worthy of respect, life is worth imitating;

Requiring serious thought, dignity of life.

- Good reputation among the ladies
- Not flighty,,,gaudy...giddish...childish...pouty...whiny...inconsistent....

not slanderers, diabolos—devil...devil woman...gossiper,

To throw over or across,

Accuser...defamer..underminer

sober, Temperate, self-controlled.

Not lazy.

Calm, dispassionate, circumspect, serious about ministry.

faithful in all things. Consistent, steady. *Fidelity* true to the trust imposed on me.

1 Timothy 3:12

Let the deacons be the husbands of one wife, one-woman man.

One wife...not divorced & remarried.

ruling their children and their own houses well.

Best proving ground--the home.

If you want God to use you in the ministry--house in order.

Ruling: presiding over...superintending.... Obedient children...submissive wife.

1 Timothy 3:13

Use: Willing to work.

Good degree: standing....

and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus. Confidence, publicity, clout.

Process at WBC in picking Deacons:

1. Names submitted by church members...
2. Staff and present deacons vote on list (after much prayer
3. Pastor talk with each candidate and explain responsibilities and duties.
4. Give opportunity for each of the men to say “yea” or “nay.”
5. Affirmation from the body (ballots..)
6. Appointed for service—3 years

Job description

1. Serve
2. Counsel
3. Communion

So What? Aspire to spiritual leadership?

1. Grave
2. Not double-tongued
3. Not given to much wine
4. Not greedy of filthy lucre
5. Holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience
6. Pure conscience
7. Blameless
8. Wives grave
9. Wives not slanderers
10. Wives sober
11. Wives Faithful
- 12. One-woman man**
- 13. Home in order**

1 Timothy 3:13

Use: Willing to work. An active ministry

Good degree: standing.... a spiritual platform.

and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus. Confidence, publicity, clout.